

has been brought to terms by means which are most effective in reaching an understanding with the South American Republics.

The *St. James's Gazette*, also, publishes a letter, signed by Hugh Watt, deploring the retrograde condition of British Guiana, due to its chronic inability to hold its own in the declining sugar-cane industry, but predicting that Chamberlain's policy will revive its industrial prospects.

The press associations late this evening announced that the Government had not received a reply to the ultimatum sent to Venezuela, and that the Foreign Office had not even received an intimation that the Marquis of Salisbury had accepted the proposal. Probably the accounts for the fact that the Foreign Office will only comply with the *St. James's Gazette* story of the sending of the ultimatum to the extent of saying that it is true that the Marquis of Salisbury is taking steps to inform Venezuela that the ultimatum is required for the Uraguayan.

The announcement that the Premier had sent an ultimatum to Venezuela caused little surprise and was generally regarded as an ordinary incident of a "strong Conservative policy," of which there have been previous examples by the present Government, the notifications to China and Australia being forewarnings of the final dispatch. As in the case of Venezuela, everybody expects this ultimatum will have the desired effect without the necessity of a recourse to the arbitrament of arms.

The possibility of another intervention upon the part of the United States, which is recognized as being the most serious side of the dispute, is discussed by the *Times*, but English multi-probationers that the American doctrine is a sort of bluff which needs only to be met with a firm attitude. It is generally believed that the British colony of Guiana is in a bad way, and that her salvation lies in expelling the gold fields which are the cause of the dispute.

London, 21st October.

In view of the many reports in circulation regarding the attitude of Great Britain toward Venezuela, the following official announcement was made today:

In consequence of Venezuela not offering an apology or reparation for the Uraguayan incident, the Marquis of Salisbury has taken steps to inform her that the Government of Great Britain requires, but as diplomatic relations between the two countries have been broken off for some years, the communication was not sent through the direct diplomatic channel. As the communication has not been received, it is not considered desirable to give the details of its contents. But it is incontestable that the points at which Great Britain would not permit Venezuela to occupy the territory of the United States, the course of the rivers Orinoco and Amazon, but is willing that the question of the disputed territory shall be submitted to arbitration.

A high official of the British Foreign Office today said that Great Britain had not sent an ultimatum to Venezuela, but a dispatch on the subject of the misadventure between Great Britain and Venezuela had been forwarded to President Crespigny, who is the only person acquainted with the principles of diplomacy who will recognize. Continuing, he said, "Lord Salisbury thinks that sufficient time has elapsed for reparation to have been made and with this view prepared the dispatch in question."

The *Exchange Telegraph* Company this afternoon sent out a report of an interview which one of its agents had had with the United States Ambassador, Thomas P. Bayard. Mr. Bayard is quoted as saying that he will probably receive an immediate answer from the Marquis of Salisbury on the Venezuelan question and that the United States will be quite satisfied if its overtures lead to negotiations for the resumption of the consideration of the frontier disputes. The United States Ambassador is also quoted as saying that the representative of the *Exchange Telegraph* Company that the United States do not do anything regarding the Marquis of Salisbury's demand for an indemnity from Venezuela.

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Owens the eighteen miles in one hour. Each was in luck in this respect. Ben Hammond saw a crocodile and drank seven glasses of water. George Washington also four times. William Johnson to sixteen miles. Owens was an easy winner. He was back when he began, but not when he finished. He had started himself for two days, whetting his appetite. The pilot was assisted by Benjamin Broadway, the president of the club, in a man's speech at the end, presented a silver medal to Owens.

NEW ENGLAND BATTLESHIP.
Chatham (England), 18th October.
The newly constructed battleship *Victoria* was launched today in the presence of a large crowd of spectators. This warship is the largest vessel of her class provided for by the Naval Defence Act of 1883 to leave the stocks.

Mr. Jacobson, wife of the First Lord of the Admiralty, performed the ceremony of christening the new ship. Amongst the notables present were George J. Goschen, Lord Charles Russell, Lord Randolph Churchill, and Thomas P. Bayard, the United States Ambassador, in whose honor the United States flag was conspicuously displayed.

The *Victoria* is of 15,000 tons displacement, 300 feet long, and has a draught of 27 feet. Her sister-ship already launched are the *Majestic*, *Magnificent*, *Prince George*, and *Illustration*.

A FAST TROPICAL BOAT.
M. Normand, of Le Havre, is to be congratulated on the success of the sea-going torpedo-boat *Forbes*, which recently did 31.2 knots on her trials, and thus established herself, for the present, as the fastest boat in existence. She did this under the command of Lieutenant La Troite, who has already supervised the successful trials of the *Cherbourg* and *Archer*. On her run from Le Havre to Cherbourg, where the trials took place, the *Forbes* did a mean speed of, according to Le Yacht, 52 kilometers, or 32.3 knots.

2000 NEWSPAPERS.
RECOMMENDATION BY CAMERON'S PENS
TO THE EDITOR.

THE WASHINGTON POST & GAZETTE.
THE FINEST SCOTCHMAN PEN, instead of a Quill.
THE SMALL HINDS PEN, Oblong Quill Point.

MAGNIFICENT & CAMERON'S
Waverley Works, Edinburgh.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Hongkong*, from Shanghai 16th Nov., had moderate N.E. monsoon.

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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER, 18th NOVEMBER, at 4 P.M.

STATION.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Wind.	Direction.	Force.	State of Sky.	Direction.	Force.	State of Sky.
Wanchow.	30.11	74	W	1	6	b	W	1	6
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